

Heartland Faithful Emmaus Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2017

Attendees:

Martin Webster, Tracie Davis, Debby Huber, Roger VanEpps, Shari Krieger, Joan Parsons, Lori Flaten, Steven Haug, Vince Davenport, Michael Swanson, Celeste Mitten, Pastor Ron Bupp

The meeting began at 6:30pm

Opening Prayer: Martin opened with a devotional that he had read from his Duck Commander Devotional on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> 2017, in reference to Matthew 7:24-27

Guest Introductions: No guests attended

Secretary's Report: Meeting notes from January 5, 2017 were introduced and the motion was passed to approve the notes.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Report was introduced, and the motion was passed to approve the report.

Business:

- Covenant – All board members signed the covenant
- Walk Location Status: Debby and Ron V advised that the deposit check has been sent to Camp of the Good Shepherd.
  - Dates have been confirmed for Sept 7-10 for the Men's Walk and 14-17 for Women's Walk
  - Additional get-togethers are needed to get land layout and determine the best use of the space
  - Concerns regarding the camp that will need to be discussed and resolved:
    - Should we use the Chapel as the conference room
    - Area for the candlelight is a small space
    - Sleeping areas are very "barracks" like
    - Kitchen team needs to check out the kitchen space for catering
    - Consider a gathering, such as the annual picnic out at the camp to become more familiar with the area; annual picnic is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Lay Directors and Spiritual Directors
  - Spiritual Directors will be determined by Pastor Ron B with assistance from Pastor Sandy W
  - Lay Directors were nominated. Will provide names once they have agreed.

- Team Selection Committee: Once Walk Lay Directors have been selected and agreed upon, Joan will meet with them to discuss the team selection committee. Joan advised she has a few names to consider for the committee. Vince suggested checking the database. Marty to share some reports with Joan to determine candidates. Celeste volunteered to “shadow” and help Joan.
- Team Discussion: Martin advised that he would like to introduce a different topic each month to the board for group discussion. This month he requested Vince to discuss Gatherings – and ideas for drawing more people to them. Suggestions are:
  - 30/60/90 plan – Vince discussed an idea to have a group of 2 to 3 members go out ahead of the gatherings and solicit church communities that are nearby the gathering church to invite guests to attend and to see what Emmaus is about.
  - Don’t come empty handed – recommendation that all participants try to bring a friend to each gathering they attend. Or bring pilgrims that aren’t attending with you.
  - Live Feed – to broadcast live during gatherings so those that live further out can attend via internet. – Concerns on this would be it would discourage fellowship, but may encourage younger people.
  - Having two meetings at different location during some months.
  - December is generally an off month for gatherings, however recommendations to have a “home” church gathering so those in each church have a smaller informal gathering.
  - Making the speakers and items on the Agenda more interesting/exciting.
  - Coordinate the gathering, currently the “home” church, plans and organizes the gathering including communion. It was decided that going forward the Spiritual Directors would communicate with the contact with the “home” church to confirm/manage the communion portion of the gathering.

#### Committee Reports:

- Agape: currently putting together list of helpers
- Facilities: See notes above regarding walk.
- Music/Entertainment: No updates.
- Gathering: February Gathering is 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in church gym on south side of building due to construction. No childcare will be available.

- Communication – New Website is still in progress, working to transfer the domain over to Emmaus. Request to go back to emailing prayer lists to the community.
- Prayer: No updates.
- Registrar: No updates
- Sponsor’s Hour/Candlelight: N/A
- Supply/Literature: N/A
- Team Selection: Questions about where the manuals are for the leaders
- Group Reunion: Working to confirm we have updated lists.
- Kitchen: Looking into costs to save community funds. Depends on the facilities they might be able to do everything at “cost” with a good group of helpers.

Gathering Announcements: Tracie

- 30/60/90 day plan
- Walk Dates – Men’s 7-10 Sept, Women’s 14-17 Sept.
- Walk Location – Camp of the Good Shepherd between Louisville and Plattsmouth
- March Walk – scheduled Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Living Faith Church, 180<sup>th</sup> and Q
- Announce Lay Directors (Martin)

Pastor Comments: Ron asked for prayer request:

- Prayer for Celeste’s son Nick’s friend Isaac – strokes and blood clots
- Prayer for Vince’s friends Niece in NICU

Closing Prayer: Pastor Ron closed with prayer

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm